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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☒ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to the communication filed on 09/10/2003.
2. Claims 1-14 are pending and presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

4. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Sundqvist et al. (WO 02/21797 A1, hereafter Sundqvist).

5. For claim 1, Sundqvist discloses a method for checking transmission resources of a packet-oriented communication network upon a change in topology of the packet-oriented communication network (abstract), comprising:

- checking a reservation of the transmission resources by a resource manager based on topology data affecting the topology of the packet-oriented communication network (p. 10 lines 4-7, the resource manager decides transmission resources and correct routing based on the topology of the IP network, p. 13, lines 10-24, a bandwidth request or a reservation of transmission resource is based on resource map which is based on topology);

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- transferring change information to the resource manager as a result of a topology change of the packet-oriented communication network (p. 11, lines 21-23, the resource manager monitors changes in topology);
- recording in response to receipt of the change information by the resource manager, new topology data relating to the topology change of the packet-oriented communication network (p. 11 lines 21-25, any topology changes is acknowledged by the resource manager); and
- mapping, by the resource manager, an existing reservation of the transmission resources to the changed topology based on the new topology data (p. 11, lines 21-25, resource map is updated when a topology change is received at the resource manager).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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7. Claims 2-7, 9-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sundqvist as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Dinker et al. (US 7,024,483, hereafter Dinker).

8. For claim 2, Sundqvist does not disclose temporarily entering a static resource reservation mode in the resource manager in response to the receipt of the topology change information.

However, Dinker discloses temporarily entering a static resource reservation mode in the resource manager in response to the receipt of the topology change information (abstract, col. 7 lines 7-30, a node may enter a transient state or a static resource reservation mode that follows a static description of a topology when it receives the request to join or exit the network)

Therefore, it would have been obvious for one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of Sundqvist and Dinker to implement a transient state in order to prevent conflicting requests from conflicting or complicating reservation decision in the topology (Dinker, col. 13 l. 5-10)

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9. For claim 3, Sundqvist-Dinker discloses the invention as in claim 2. Sundqvist-Dinker further discloses extending the static resource reservation mode in the resource manager by a specified period in response to receipt of additional topology change information during the static resource reservation mode (Dinker, col. 13 l. 10-12, while in a transient state, a node holds subsequent connect requests as pending to process them after the status of previous requests have been resolved).

10. For claim 4, Sundqvist-Dinker discloses the invention as in claim 3. Sundqvist-Dinker further discloses the specified period is dependent on at least one of an extent of change in the topology and a size of the packet-oriented communication network (Dinker, col. 13 l. 10-12, while in a transient state, a node holds subsequent connect requests as pending to process them after the status of previous requests have been resolved; the more changes there are to the topology, the longer the transient phase is).

11. For claim 5, Sundqvist-Dinker discloses the invention as in claim 4. Sundqvist-Dinker further discloses leaving the static resource reservation mode in the resource manager after at least one of said recording of the new topology data and said mapping of the existing resource reservation to the changed topology (Dinker, col. 13 l. 26-28, a node may transition from a transient state to a joined state after completing any updates of its topology data).

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12. For claim 6, Sundqvist-Dinker discloses the invention as in claim 5. Sundqvist-Dinker further discloses specifically marking, by the resource manager, a resource reservation made during the static resource reservation mode (Dinker, col. 13 l. 10-12, subsequent connection requests are queued for processing during the transient state).

13. For claim 7, Sundqvist-Dinker discloses the invention as in claim 6. Sundqvist-Dinker further discloses reservation of the transmission resources in the static resource reservation mode is based on old topology data present before the topology change (Dinker, col. 7 lines 15-20, col. 9 lines 50-52, static topology applies to the connection requests in transient state).

14. For claim 9, Sundqvist-Dinker discloses the invention as in claim 6. Sundqvist-Dinker further discloses transferring a localization specification with the topology change information to specify an area of the packet-oriented communication network affected by the topology change (Sundqvist, fig. 5, topology change affects the area of packet-oriented network behind a gateway G).

15. For claim 10, Sundqvist-Dinker discloses the invention as in claim 9. Sundqvist-Dinker further discloses:

rejecting, by the resource manager in static resource reservation mode, resource requests which affect the area specified by the localization specification, regardless of the resource reservation of the transmission resources (Dinker, col. 7 lines 8-12, rejecting subsequent requests to avoid conflicts); and

processing, by the resource manager in static resource reservation mode, resource requests which do not affect the area specified by the localization specification based on the reservation of transmission resources present before the topology change (Dinker, col. 7 lines 15-20, col. 9 lines 50-52, static topology of a cluster applies to the connection requests in transient state in the cluster area).

16. For claim 11, Sundqvist-Dinker discloses the invention as in claim 10. Sundqvist-Dinker further discloses said mapping of the existing resource reservation to the changed topology includes the resource manager checking whether an overbooking of the transmission resources is occurring (Sundqvist, col. 13 lines 14-28, a preliminarily booking of a resource that can not be mapped due to lacking of resource).

17. For claim 12, Sundqvist-Dinker discloses the invention as in claim 11. Sundqvist-Dinker further discloses upon the resource manager upon establishing an overbooking, one of clearing a connection contributing to the overbooking by assigning the connection to another class of service to be carried via another route (Sundqvist, col. 13 lines 19-28, a user prioritizes a service in favor of the other, in case of lack of resource, switch to a lower quality service), and using coding with reduced resource requirements.

18. For claim 13, Sundqvist-Dinker discloses the invention as in claim 12. Sundqvist-Dinker further discloses said mapping of the existing reservation of resources to the changed topology includes at least one of preferring more recent connections to older connections; preferring voice connections to connections of other connection types (Sundqvist, col. 12 lines 1-2, gatekeeper prioritizes services whenever topology changes occur by letting voice service to have higher priority than other services, e.g., video service); preferring connections with at least one of a user feature-dependent priority and a service feature-dependent priority; preferring connections with relatively low resource requirements; and preferring connections set up outside the static resource reservation mode to connections set up during the static resource reservation mode during an assignment of transmission resources.

19. For claim 14, Sundqvist-Dinker discloses the invention as in claim 13. Sundqvist-Dinker further discloses recording the topology data relating to the topology of the packet-oriented communication network by a topology manager; and transferring the topology data from topology manager to the resource manager (Dinker, fig. 2, topology manager 203, state manager 202, Sundqvist, fig. 5, resource manager).

20. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sundqvist as applied to claim 6 above, and further in view of Pan et al. (US 6,760,306, hereafter Pan)

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21. For claim 8, Sundqvist-Dinker discloses the invention as in claim 6. Sundqvist-Dinker further discloses rejecting, by the resource manager in static resource reservation mode, resource requests (Dinker, col. 7 lines 8-12, rejecting subsequent requests to avoid conflicts).

Sundqvist-Dinker does not explicitly disclose allowing resource releases independently of assignment of the transmission resources.

However, Pan discloses the same (col. 6 lines 15-24, col. 9 lines 43-46, deactivation and deletion of resource reservation, and release resource)

Therefore, it would have been obvious for one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of Sundqvist-Dinker and Pan to further release resource to available resource pool so that released resource can be used for later connections requests.

Second rejection

22. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Pan et al. (US 6,760,306, hereafter Pan).

23. For claim 1, Pan discloses a method for checking transmission resources of a packet-oriented communication network upon a change in topology of the packet-oriented communication network (abstract), comprising:

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- checking a reservation of the transmission resources by a resource manager based on topology data affecting the topology of the packet-oriented communication network (fig. 2, col. 8 lines 38-48, resource reservation is checked based on topology changes);
- transferring change information to the resource manager as a result of a topology change of the packet-oriented communication network (fig. 2, col. 8 lines 38-40, topology change is transferred to a resource manager);
- recording in response to receipt of the change information by the resource manager, new topology data relating to the topology change of the packet-oriented communication network (col. 8 lines 40-46, 52-54, any topology changes is acknowledged network topology monitor 24 in the resource manager 25); and
- mapping, by the resource manager, an existing reservation of the transmission resources to the changed topology based on the new topology data (col. 8 lines 65-67, mapping resource reservation with the changed topology).

24. Claims 2-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pan as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Dinker.

25. For claim 2, Pan does not disclose temporarily entering a static resource reservation mode in the resource manager in response to the receipt of the topology change information.

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However, Dinker discloses temporarily entering a static resource reservation mode in the resource manager in response to the receipt of the topology change information (abstract, col. 7 lines 7-30, a node may enter a transient state or a static resource reservation mode that follows a static description of a topology when it receives the request to join or exit the network)

Therefore, it would have been obvious for one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of Pan and Dinker to implement a transient state in order to prevent conflicting requests from conflicting or complicating reservation decision in the topology (Dinker, col. 13 l. 5-10)

26. For claim 3, Pan-Dinker discloses the invention as in claim 2. Pan-Dinker further discloses extending the static resource reservation mode in the resource manager by a specified period in response to receipt of additional topology change information during the static resource reservation mode (Dinker, col. 13 l. 10-12, while in a transient state, a node holds subsequent connect requests as pending to process them after the status of previous requests have been resolved).

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27. For claim 4, Pan-Dinker discloses the invention as in claim 3. Pan-Dinker further discloses the specified period is dependent on at least one of an extent of change in the topology and a size of the packet-oriented communication network (Dinker, col. 13 l. 10-12, while in a transient state, a node holds subsequent connect requests as pending to process them after the status of previous requests have been resolved; the more changes there are to the topology, the longer the transient phase is).

28. For claim 5, Pan-Dinker discloses the invention as in claim 4. Pan-Dinker further discloses leaving the static resource reservation mode in the resource manager after at least one of said recording of the new topology data and said mapping of the existing resource reservation to the changed topology (Dinker, col. 13 l. 26-28, a node may transition from a transient state to a joined state after completing any updates of its topology data).

29. For claim 6, Pan-Dinker discloses the invention as in claim 5. Pan-Dinker further discloses specifically marking, by the resource manager, a resource reservation made during the static resource reservation mode (Dinker, col. 13 l. 10-12, subsequent connection requests are queued for processing during the transient state).

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30. For claim 7, Pan-Dinker discloses the invention as in claim 6. Pan-Dinker further discloses reservation of the transmission resources in the static resource reservation mode is based on old topology data present before the topology change (Dinker, col. 7 lines 15-20, col. 9 lines 50-52, static topology applies to the connection requests in transient state).

31. For claim 8, Pan-Dinker discloses the invention as in claim 6. Pan-Dinker further discloses rejecting, by the resource manager in static resource reservation mode, resource requests (Dinker, col. 7 lines 8-12, rejecting subsequent requests to avoid conflicts), and allowing, by the resource manager in static resource reservation mode, resource releases independently of assignment of the transmission resources (Pan, col. 6 lines 15-24, col. 9 lines 43-46, deactivation and deletion of resource reservation, and release resource)

32. For claim 9, Pan-Dinker discloses the invention as in claim 6. Pan-Dinker further discloses transferring a localization specification with the topology change information to specify an area of the packet-oriented communication network affected by the topology change (Pan, col. 8 lines 54-57, using link state monitor to determine shortest path between two nodes).

33. For claim 10, Pan-Dinker discloses the invention as in claim 9. Pan-Dinker further discloses:

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rejecting, by the resource manager in static resource reservation mode, resource requests which affect the area specified by the localization specification, regardless of the resource reservation of the transmission resources (Dinker, col. 7 lines 8-12, rejecting subsequent requests to avoid conflicts); and

processing, by the resource manager in static resource reservation mode, resource requests which do not affect the area specified by the localization specification based on the reservation of transmission resources present before the topology change (Dinker, col. 7 lines 15-20, col. 9 lines 50-52, static topology of a cluster applies to the connection requests in transient state in the cluster area).

34. For claim 11, Pan-Dinker discloses the invention as in claim 10. Pan-Dinker further discloses said mapping of the existing resource reservation to the changed topology includes the resource manager checking whether an overbooking of the transmission resources is occurring (Pan, col. 8 lines 28-32, a booking of resource that can not be mapped due to lacking of resource).

35. For claim 12, Pan-Dinker discloses the invention as in claim 11. Pan-Dinker further discloses upon the resource manager upon establishing an overbooking, one of clearing a connection contributing to the overbooking by assigning the connection to another class of service to be carried via another route (Pan, col. 9 lines 26-37, high priority service is given access to resource first, lower priority service later), and using coding with reduced resource requirements.

36. For claim 13, Pan-Dinker discloses the invention as in claim 12. Pan-Dinker further discloses said mapping of the existing reservation of resources to the changed topology includes at least one of preferring more recent connections to older connections; preferring voice connections to connections of other connection types (Pan, col. 9 lines 26-37, high priority service such as voice is given access to resource first, lower priority service later); preferring connections with at least one of a user feature-dependent priority and a service feature-dependent priority; preferring connections with relatively low resource requirements; and preferring connections set up outside the static resource reservation mode to connections set up during the static resource reservation mode during an assignment of transmission resources.

37. For claim 14, Pan-Dinker discloses the invention as in claim 13. Pan-Dinker further discloses recording the topology data relating to the topology of the packet-oriented communication network by a topology manager; and transferring the topology data from topology manager to the resource manager (Dinker, fig. 2, topology manager 203, state manager 202, Pan, fig. 2, resource manager, network topology monitor).

Conclusion

38. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

- Harper. US 6,823,381. Determine point of loss.
- Porter et al. US 2001/0033646. Services in a communications network.
- Desai et al. US 2002/0075814. Topology discovery.
- Benfield et al. US 2003/0009552. Topology system.
- Oottamakorn et al. US 7,146,425. Admission control.
- Elliott et al. US 2002/0064149. Providing requested QoS.
- Chawla et al. US 6,771,661. Event based data communications.
- Kondylis et al. US 6,665,311. Adaptive bandwidth reservation.
- Basso et al. US 6,690,678. Dynamically adjusting the bandwidth.
- Colby et al. US 6,625,643. Resource management.

39. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hieu T. Hoang whose telephone number is 571-270-1253. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., EST.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit can be reached on 571-272-3913. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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